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FUEL CELLS

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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION

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Dear Examiner Ridley:

This communication accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Official Action will expire on March 1, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed.

No additional fee is believed to be due for this filing. Should any additional fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should no separate, or an incorrect, petition for an extension of time accompany this communication, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such

extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1, 2 and the signature page of this response are submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: